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Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know, with reference to the answer to clause (*c*), whether the order passed by the Government refers to all the points raised in the answer to clause (*b*) or only to the first one."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, all the points are included, Sir."

Village Establishments

Number of suspended village monigars in Polur taluk.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of village monigars in Polur taluk, North Arcot district, who were suspended for slackness in collection work during the last kist season ; and

(ii) to state—

(*a*) in how many cases appeals were preferred to the Collector and how many of them were allowed ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that when appeals were allowed, the Collector of North Arcot declined to grant the monigar appellants the salaries due to them for the period of suspension although he found the orders of suspension unjust and untenable ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the monigars of Edapparai, Mambut, Modaiyur and Tirusur, who had shown nil balances by the first week of May, were kept under suspension in the month of July after the fasli year was over for alleged slackness in collection work ?

A.—(i) & (ii) (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information on the subject of these questions and no representation has reached them on the subject. As it is open to any village officer who considers himself unjustly treated to make representations to higher authority, the Government do not propose to call for a report in the matter.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that several village officers had to borrow heavily from professional money-lenders to find the money for kist, owing to the unsympathetic attitude of the Collector towards the village officers and their fear of dismissal ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" No, Sir."

Grant of allowance to karnams attending taluk offices.

* 231 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question of the grant of allowances to karnams attending taluk offices has been finally settled ; and

(*b*) if it has been settled, from what date and at what rates the Government propose to pay such allowances ?